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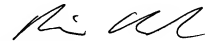
DE 295 16 619 U1 discloses a hinge for the articulated connection of two arms of a folding rod assembly which for minimizing friction, maintaining operating characteristics, and ensuring increased rigidity of the articulated region has a bushing which is made of liquid crystal-polymer base material and is situated between a pivot pin and the arms of a folding rod assembly supported on the pivot pin. However, such a bushing ensures a play-free connection only for a limited time, since the liquid crystal-polymer base material wears out during operation.

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